

DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] was up to brief me on the Bureau of the Budget's analysis of the cost of strategic intelligence. I do not believe that it is going to be possible for us to brief the Director so that he, in turn, can brief the National Security Council. However, I will discuss this further with Bureau of the Budget representatives when I see them on Monday.

2. I told Ed Saunders to ask Gordon Nease to needle Senator Bridges and tell him that he was supposed to notify the Director of the Committee's position on the transfer of certain funds to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In this connection, Ed also asked the Director to telephone Senator Bridges which he agreed to do.

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3. I advised [REDACTED] that the DD/A Career Service Board had selected him to be the Deputy Chief of Administration [REDACTED], which position he is glad to accept. Have asked Ed to find a replacement for his present position. 25X1A6a

4. Had lunch with [REDACTED] at which time he asked what I proposed to do about my own staff. I told him that I had no definite plans as yet but, obviously, wanted to get an Assistant Deputy Director (Administration) as soon as possible. I advised him that I had discussed this matter with General Cabell and Dick [REDACTED], emphasizing to them that I would like to get someone thoroughly knowledgeable of the DD/P side of the house, and that I had asked Dick to give me nominations. 25X1A6a

Ted then asked if I had given any consideration to the possibility of merging his office with mine. I told him that I definitely had and that a recommendation was in the Director's Office now to the effect that the Chief of Administration, Office of the Deputy Director (Plans), be responsible to and derive his authority from the DD/A. I requested that he not discuss this matter with other people which he very strongly pledged he would not do. I told him of the circumstances under which I had made this recommendation (Bill Peel's letter, etc.) and that I had specifically avoided talking to him or anyone else about it since he had told me in the past that while he believed this was the proper thing to do he could not admit, for practical and political reasons, that he felt this way.

This lead to a very open discussion on Ted's part to the effect that he would be willing to advocate such a realignment of functions, provided he would be the Assistant DD/A or, specifically, my deputy. He made it equally clear that

he would not take a position (and, in fact, went so far as to say that he would leave the Agency if such a realignment should be made) which would make him responsible to the DD/A while, at the same time, someone was moved in over his head to be the Assistant DD/A. I avoided any clear answer to this question and stated that the realignment of functions, as well as the selection of an Assistant DD/A, would, in the final analysis, be the decision of the Director. H

This discussion, of course, involved a great deal of the philosophy of the merits of a strong central administration with authority vested in the Deputy Director (Administration), rather than the present diffused system, during which I told Ted that as a result of the Director's 23 April memorandum on the implementation of NSC Directive No. 5412 I had talked with General [redacted] as well as Dick [redacted] and tentatively planned to place a man on General [redacted] staff who would be responsible to me for advanced planning. Ted was violently opposed to this and advocated very strongly that he should have this function on his staff, etc. I told him that I could not agree with this position and that as of now I intended to go forward with this plan but would have further discussions with General [redacted] Jim Garrison, any any others whom I considered appropriate before actually taking this step. I emphasized again that I felt this was necessary because I could not be held responsible for the plans made by someone not responsible to me. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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